

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
Ad Hoc Disabilities Action Team (DAT)
March 18, 2014 Minutes

The Disabilities Action Team of the City of Mesa met on March 18th, 2014,
at 5:30pm at the Mesa City Plaza, 20 E. Main St. Ste. 170.

MEMBERS PRESENT
Mark Tompert, Chair
Cheryl Anderson
Denise Heap

MEMBERS ABSENT
Lu Ann Schmidt

STAFF PRESENT
Andrea Arenas

GUESTS

1. Call to Order.

Mr. Tompert called the meeting to order at 5:26pm.

2. Items from citizens present.

There were no citizens who requested to speak to DAT.

3. Approval of minutes from the February 18th, 2014 DAT meeting.

Ms. Heap made a motion to approve the February 18th, 2014 DAT meeting minutes, Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. The motion moved unanimously.

4. Hear update, discuss and take action on an educational awareness campaign related to service animals.

Ms. Heap provided a copy of the letter she wrote to distribute to business owners making them aware of the new regulations and definitions. Ms. Heap worked with Marc Center staff to obtain some of the information. Ms. Heap noted that Marc Center staff requested contact information to provide training to the Mesa Police Department and Southwest Ambulance to help them better service the public. Mr. Tompert and Ms. Anderson agreed that Ms. Heap should assist with coordinating the training. Ms. Heap will also continue working on letter and finding partners to help distribute it.

5. Discuss, consider and take action on ways to educate the community on mental health issues.

Ms. Anderson stated that she has invited John Moore and Dr. Michael Franczak with Marc Community Resources Inc. to the April board meeting for a presentation on mental health issues and the services they provide. They will have a twenty-minute PowerPoint presentation with a background on the Marc Center, and then the roles Marc plays within behavioral health in Mesa and Maricopa County, followed by time for questions from the board.

Board members agreed to consider other providers for presentations in the future. Ms. Heap stated that they can also consider including other organizations or community members to the presentations.

6. Scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- Report on District 6 Pancake Breakfast with Councilmember Somers.

Ms. Schmidt was not in attendance to report on this event.

- Next DAT meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15th, 2014 at 5:30pm.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator